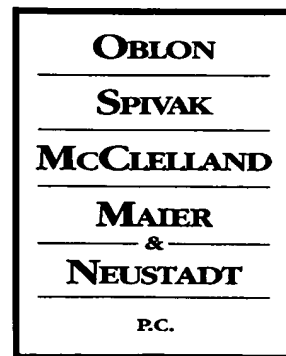




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/791,749  
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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In response to the election requirement dated July 26, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse the Species I, identified in the outstanding Official Action as corresponding to Figure 1, for further examination on the merits. Applicant identifies Claims 1-7 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-7 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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